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ATR and CFA Would KEY VOTE AGAINST Any Amendment to H.R. 4314 Establishing the Gregg/Conrad Bipartisan Tax/Spending “Reform” Commission

In the event this issue comes before the U.S. Senate before year’s end, **Americans for Tax Reform and the Center for Fiscal Accountability urge all members to vote “No” on any amendment to H.R. 4314 establishing the Conrad/Gregg bipartisan commission** to develop legislation making wholesale changes to the tax code and spending policy.

While innocuous-sounding, a commission as envisioned by Sens. Kent Conrad (D-ND) and Judd Gregg (R-NH) would lead to a guaranteed tax increase:

It would establish an eighteen-member task force comprised of ten Democrat and eight Republican Congressmen, Senators, and Administration officials. A report from the commission would need to gather fourteen votes in order to make an expedited recommendation to both bodies. The recommendation would only pass with a supermajority vote in each chamber.

Despite the appearance of protection for taxpayers, this commission would guarantee a net tax increase be in its proposal. Every Democrat on the commission would insist on tax increases to “balance” spending cuts in the recommendation.

There is no conceivable scenario whereby the commission would issue a report that does not contain tax hikes.

To be acceptable from a taxpayer perspective, language would have to be included that explicitly removes tax increases and/or new taxes from commission consideration, but, as envisioned by Sens. Conrad and Gregg, setting up this commission would be a horrible deal for taxpayers.

Stand up for Taxpayers!

Vote “NO” on any amendment to H.R. 4314 establishing the Conrad/Gregg bipartisan tax/spending “reform” commission!

ATR and CFA WOULD SCORE POSITIVELY a vote AGAINST the Conrad/Gregg commission in our annual Congressional ratings.

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